CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 15, 2010

INVOCATION:
Assistant City Manager Haydon gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Patino led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Lavagnino called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Ness, City Attorney Trujillo, Assistant City Manager Haydon, Fire Chief Jones, Director of Utilities Sweet, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Whitehead, Director of Administrative Services Visé, Director of Recreation and Parks Posada, Police Chief Macagni, City Librarian Buchanan, Director of Community Development Appel, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Perez.

COMMENDATION FOR LORENZO UJANO
Mayor Lavagnino read Resolution No. 2010-57 commending and congratulating Lorenzo Ujano, Engineering Technician III in the Public Works Department, for 42 years of public service to the City of Santa Maria and its residents and congratulating him on his retirement.

Resolution No. 2010-57 commending Lorenzo Ujano was adopted on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Resolution No. 2010-57 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING LORENZO UJANO FOR 42 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA.

Lorenzo Ujano thanked the City and the department for keeping him employed for so long. He also thanked the City Council for the honor.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH
Councilmember Cordero presented a gift to Carlos Ruiz, the Recreation and Parks Volunteer of the Month for June 2010 for his dedication and commitment to the Santa Maria Police Activities League (P.A.L.) Boxing Program for the past four years.

Councilmember Cordero also recognized and presented certificates of achievement to Ruben Perez, 17 years old, Steven Flores, 15 years old, and Brandon Gutierrez, 12 years old, for winning championship belts at the Oxnard P.A.L. National Boxing Tournament on June 10 through June 13, 2010.

PROCLAMATION - RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH
Councilmember Orach read a proclamation declaring the month of July 2010, as "Recreation and Parks Month" in the City of Santa Maria and encouraging the

community to enjoy and participate in the benefits of public and private parks and recreation programs, services, and facilities. The proclamation was accepted by Recreation and Parks Commission Chairperson Zuniga.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Mark Rademaker spoke against Planned Parenthood and invited Christian men to help block the entrance of Planned Parenthood on June 21st at 9:00 a.m.

Harry Johnson spoke about problems regarding illegal vendors, shopping carts, gang members, illegal aliens, and other problems in his neighborhood and the lack of Police response to his concerns.

James Kauth stated he would like to see a more positive attitude by the newspaper regarding crime in the City. He reminded the community that there was a cycle of events that happened during an emergency. The community was not in a crisis situation yet, so it was a time to work on a solution. People needed to take part in doing more to improve the community rather than sitting back and complaining.

Michael Geddry stated the Santa Maria Museum of Flight had been working hard to preserve the history of aviation and aerospace in the community for the past 26 years and supporting the military. On July 27th, 60 Marines would be flying here to be honored before being deployed to Afghanistan. He invited the City Council to attend the celebration at noon at the Museum of Flight.

Gwen Woods spoke about illegal immigration, gangs, and the increase in crime in the City. She referenced an article on KSBY's website on May 25, 2010, regarding an FBI study on violent crime and the 400 most dangerous cities in the United States. Santa Maria ranked 132 on that list.

Sandra Williamson stated she was the sixth victim and her daughter the seventh victim of a serial stalker and sex offender. She thanked former Police Lieutenant Cordero for his help. She talked about Peace Over Violence, an organization that helped her. She wanted other victims to have the information on this organization.

Joe DeGeus spoke about articles that had been in the newspaper. The residents have to take pride in the City and get involved in their neighborhoods, such as Neighborhood Watch. The community has become lackadaisical. There was no way the Police Department, Probation, and other law enforcement agencies could do it alone.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Councilmember Cordero requested Item 3H be pulled for comment. Councilmember Orach indicated he would be abstaining from Item 3D, Release of Bonds for La Ventana Subdivision, as he lived in that subdivision.

Item 3H – Entertainment License for The Swiss Restaurant and Bar
Councilmember Cordero stated the City had been trying for years to enhance the downtown area. This was a very old building. The young people who purchased the restaurant remodeled and revitalized it.

Consent Calendar Items 3A through 3O were approved on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Cordero, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Orach (Item 3D only)

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 1, 2010, were approved as submitted.

C. ELECTION RESOLUTIONS
Resolution No. 2010-58, 2010-59 and 2010-60 were adopted initiating the process for the General Municipal Election to be held on November 2, 2010, to elect two members of the City Council.

Resolution No. 2010-58 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICERS.

Resolution No. 2010-59 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010, WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE DATE PURSUANT TO §10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE.

Resolution No. 2010-60 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010.

D. RELEASE OF BONDS
The City Council accepted as complete the public improvements associated with La Ventana, Tract 5886, and released a Faithful Performance bond in the reduced amount of $75,000 for the construction and installation of off-site public improvements (Main Street and Panther Drive) and a Faithful Performance bond in the amount of $150,000 for the construction and installation of on-site public and private surface improvements with the order that the Contractor, Labor and Material bonds and Guarantee and Defective Materials bonds be retained until December 2010 and June 2011, respectively.

E. WARRANTS
Warrant Nos. 159193 to 159439 totaling $2,566,474.25 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant Nos. 159050, 159205 and 159223 were cancelled.

F. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

G. ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE
Resolution No. 2010-61 was adopted approving an Entertainment License for Café Noir at 1555 S. Broadway to allow non-amplified café style music on Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Resolution No. 2010-61 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR CAFÉ NOIR.

H. ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE
Resolution No. 2010-62 was adopted approving an Entertainment License for The Swiss Restaurant and Bar at 516 N. Broadway to allow live bands playing blues, classic rock, and country music, disc-jockey music, and karaoke on Sunday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Resolution No. 2010-62 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR THE SWISS RESTAURANT AND BAR.

I. AGREEMENT FOR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION

Resolution No. 2010-63 was adopted approving an amendment to the City's agreement for third party administration service with Carl Warren & Company, originally entered into on June 20, 2000, and that the City Manager be authorized to sign the amendment.

Resolution No. 2010-63 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH CARL WARREN & COMPANY TO PROVIDE THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S LIABILITY PROGRAM.

J. LIMITED TIME PARKING ZONES

Resolution No. 2010-64 was adopted approving the establishment of one-hour limited time parking zones along with preferential permit parking privileges to exempt vehicles on Concord Avenue from Garnet Way to Fesler Street and on Garnet Way from Concord Avenue extending east for 265 feet.

Resolution No. 2010-64 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING LIMITED TIME AND PREFERENTIAL PARKING ZONES ALONG CONCORD AVENUE AND GARNET WAY.

K. NO STOPPING ZONE

Resolution No. 2010-65 was adopted approving the establishment of a no stopping zone on College Drive between East Main Street and Church Street at Studio 23 Beauty Salon.

Resolution No. 2010-65 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A NO STOPPING ZONE ON COLLEGE DRIVE PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.16 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

L. CALL FOR BIDS

The City Council gave approval to call for bids on the plans and specifications for Mussell Senior Center ADA Improvement Project, Bid No. 2010/12.

M. NOTICE OF CONTRACT COMPLETION

The City Council accepted as complete the public improvements, approved the Notice of Contract Completion for North Railroad Avenue Storm Drain Project, Bid No. 2009/13, and directed the Chief Deputy City Clerk to record same.

N. NOTICE OF CONTRACT COMPLETION

The City Council accepted as complete the public improvements, approved the Notice of Contract Completion for 2009 Waterline & Sewer Line Replacement Project, Bid No. 2009/08, and directed the Chief Deputy City Clerk to record same.

O. NOTICE OF CONTRACT COMPLETION

The City Council accepted as complete the public improvements, approved the Notice of Contract Completion for Santa Maria Landfill Multi-Year Rolling Closure Liner Construction, Bid No. 2006/08, and directed the Chief Deputy City Clerk to record same.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA'S 2010-12 PROPOSED BUDGET.

City Manager Ness gave the staff report. He talked about the process used to prepare the 2010-12 Budget. On a national level, the economy lost 8.4 million jobs since the recession began in December 2007, the most of any slowdown in the post-World War II era. It will take years for the economy to reverse this decline in jobs. In California, the State is slowly emerging from the recession. Economic growth is very modest and high unemployment persists. The State's major three revenue sources – the personal income tax, sales and use tax, and corporation tax – will continue to be hampered

during the upcoming budget year. Without corrective action, the State is projected to face a budget gap of $19.1 billion in 2010-11. The effect of California's budget crisis on local government remains uncertain. The State's $19.1 billion deficit is a moving target, and it is anyone's guess how this will finally play out and what financial impact it will have on Santa Maria.

The City enters the 2010-12 budget process in the same manner it did in 2009-10, facing a multi-million dollar budget deficit and the need to significantly reduce General Fund operating expenses. And, like the 2009-10 Budget, the 2010-12 General Fund Budget is a product of deficit financing, reductions in departmental operating budgets, deferral of cost allocations, and the postponement of numerous equipment purchases. And, for the first time since the early 1990's, full-time General Fund employees are the subject of layoffs.

At the beginning of this year's budget process, staff estimated the budget deficit to be an astonishing $8 million or 15 percent of the General Fund budget. To help mitigate this multi-million dollar structural imbalance, the City Council directed staff to reduce operating expenses in General Fund departments (three percent in public safety departments and six percent in non-public safety departments); continue to engage employee groups in discussing salary and benefit-related concessions; explore new revenue sources; reduce the financial contributions made to outside agencies by six percent; and use up to $3 million in one-time Local Economic Augmentation Fund (LEAF) financing to help balance the 2010-11 General Fund budget. In addition, Council authorized significant reductions in the fleet services and workers' compensation cost allocation formulae.

General Fund revenue projections for 2010-11 were estimated using 2009-10 projected receipts as the basis. Total anticipated revenues in the General Fund in 2010-11 are estimated to be $52.9 million. Projected sales tax receipts are significantly down; in fact, sales tax continues to be in a three-year decline. Projected sales tax receipts for 2010-11 are estimated to be $14.7 million, approximately the same amount of sales tax the City received back in 2003-04. Next to sales tax, property tax is the second largest revenue source in the General Fund. Combined, both sales tax and property tax comprise approximately 54 percent of total General Fund revenues. The recent housing collapse, the high foreclosure rates and the high number of reassessed properties have all taken a toll on property tax revenues. In total, property tax revenues in 2010-11 are estimated to be approximately $13.8 million – an amount equivalent to the property tax amount the City received back in 2006-07. The other two key General Fund revenue sources, Hotel/Bed Tax (otherwise known as Transient Occupancy Tax) and Impacted Soils are also showing projected declines. In all, total General Fund revenues are anticipated to be $462,400 less in 2010-11 when compared to 2009-10 levels.

The total proposed budget for all operating funds in 2010-11 is approximately $128.9 million, $7.9 million or 5.8 percent less than 2009-10. Total appropriations being recommended for the General Fund in 2010-11 are $915,360 less or 1.7 percent lower than the 2009-10 Budget. Ninety-one percent of the appropriations are attributed to operational costs. Overall, appropriations in the General Fund are $52.9 million with 73 percent of those costs staffing-related. A total of six full-time positions are being eliminated and six full-time public safety-related positions are proposed to be authorized, but not funded, during 2010-11. As for 2011-12, one additional solid waste equipment operator is being proposed to assist with the new green waste recycling program. A successful green waste pilot program was conducted with over 800 residential customers in 3 separate neighborhoods. The City is proposing to initiate the program Citywide and will be conducting the required Proposition 218 proceedings beginning in the Spring. The green waste recycling program will be mandatory with a proposed monthly cost of $3.17 per household. However, if a customer wants to downsize the green waste container from a 90-gallon to a 60-gallon container, they would receive the service at no additional cost. The green waste program will extend the life of the current landfill and defer millions of dollars in capital costs for building a new landfill at Los Flores Ranch.

The City is also experiencing escalating pension costs under the California Public Employees Retirement Fund (CalPERS). This is a discussion topic among all local and

state government in California. Seventy-three percent of all operating costs in the General Fund is staffing. One of the most significant staffing-related costs is pension expenses. For the past several years these costs have been escalating, and that trend appears to be continuing due to the recent downturn in CalPERS investment returns. These costs will exceed over $10 million in 2011-12, with $8.3 million in General Fund costs. The City will be spending more in pension-related costs in 2011-12 than on the entire Fire Department budget. The need to gain some control over the pension costs is paramount. Options that the City Council should start considering are pension cost sharing arrangements with employee groups, as well as a second lower tier of pension benefits for new City employees. Staff will be analyzing all options and bringing back a report to the City Council at a future time.

Last year the City's DARE officer, Al Torres, retired. He came back to work for the City on a part-time basis as the DARE officer until the end of this school year. The DARE officer along with two other Police Officer positions are part of the 2010-11 budget reduction plan. However, the Santa Maria-Bonita School District recently indicated it would be willing to partially fund a scaled-down version of the DARE program. This would be a part-time DARE officer. The scaled-down version would cost approximately $51,000, of which the School District has agreed to finance $25,000 for 2010-11. That would require the City to come up with the remaining $26,000. If the DARE program were to continue, it would be done using a provisional officer, Al Torres, and would include salary, benefits and supplies for the program. The question for Council is whether to continue the DARE program at the scaled-down level or discontinue the program.

Capital project-related expenditures, as well as contributions to outside agencies, are decreasing in 2010-11 by $9.7 million over 2009-10 levels. A total of 85 capital projects costing approximately $26.6 million are slated during the next two-year period. For comparison purposes, the 2008-10 budget consisted of 96 capital projects totaling $82.2 million in appropriations.

Also, pursuant to City Council direction, the contributions to outside agencies were reduced by six percent as part of the overall budget reduction plan. During the last calendar year, the Transient Occupancy Tax or Bed Tax revenue decreased slightly more than 10 percent. Contributions to the Chamber of Commerce and the Historical Society are tied to Bed Tax and allocations are prescribed by the Municipal Code. In March, the Council directed staff to reduce the City's contributions to outside agencies based on the decrease in Bed Tax revenue and taking into consideration the City's budget reduction plan of 6 percent. Rather than tying the contributions to the Historical Society and Museum of Flight to the Bed Tax, the Council directed staff to allocate $15,000 to each agency for 2010-11.

As part of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 or stimulus funds from the Federal government, the City was awarded $4.3 million to construct two new fire stations. The planning and design of the two facilities is currently underway and proposed sites have been identified. Once the new Preisker Park Fire Station is completed, staff from the existing Fire Station No. 3 will be reassigned to the new Preisker Park location. Because of dwindling revenues in the General Fund, a new dedicated revenue source will be needed to finance a new compliment of fire personnel to staff Fire Station No. 5 at Suey and Donovan at a cost of $1.5 million annually. Staff will be bringing back a separate item at a later time to explore what alternative funding methods and options might be available.

Like the two previous biennial budgets, the proposed 2010-12 budget makes no provision for new reserves. This will mark the fifth year in a row that the City has not been able to make any provision for new reserves. Without the dedication, commitment and teamwork of the Department Heads in putting together the budget, we would never be able to present a budget financing plan that attempts to maintain City service levels as much as possible.

Mayor Lavagnino opened the public hearing.

Ellen Muldoon, Pioneer Valley High School Booster Club President, stated they were concerned regarding the proposal to reduce the School Resources Officers at the local

school campuses. The resource officers played a vital role in the schools and as mentors to the students and were readily available when an incident happened on a campus. Students who were not involved in potential criminal conduct would be without a resource to turn to for security and advice.

Edward Zemaitis, Santa Maria Valley Historical Society, stated since 1955 the Society had collected, catalogued, and preserved the history of the Valley. Throughout their history they have enjoyed financial funding from the City. They appreciated that. With this budget, they had lost a significant amount of their funding; but they understood the economic realities. They hoped that sometime in the future their past funding level would be restored. He talked about their fundraising efforts.

Michael Geddry, Santa Maria Museum of Flight, stated one of the things they would like the Council to consider was changing their funding source to Transient Occupancy Tax rather than General Fund. They wanted to work with the Chamber of Commerce and see if they could generate more tourism and more TOT. They had three fly-ins at the airport that filled the hotel twice. They wanted to keep working with the City.

Joan Leon, Santa Maria Community Coalition, stated City Manager Ness had been wonderful about communicating with them and answering questions. They reviewed the budget and thought they could have benefited with a public workshop on the budget. She felt having the budget on the City's website was wonderful. One of the things the Coalition looked at was franchise fees. Franchise fees were $3,656,000. City-owned utilities were paying the majority of the franchise fees or $2,571,690. She asked if a water main broke and the street had to be torn up, would franchise fees pay for that or would the water fund.

Utilities Director Sweet stated, in general, the base repair was done by the Utilities Department and the final repair or paving would be done by the Street Department. The cost for the asphalt itself would be paid for by Utilities, but the actual work would be done by the Street Department.

City Manager Ness explained that the City charged each of the City's Enterprise Funds a franchise fee of five percent. The four Enterprise Funds that were charged a franchise fee were water, refuse, sewer, and landfill. The franchise fee was charged for the upkeep and maintenance of the infrastructure owned by the City's General Fund and used by the Enterprise Funds. The fee was not intended to pay for repairs, it was more of a "rent" for the use of public infrastructure.

Ernest Armenta stated it was hard for him to support the budget considering members of the public only got the Budget in Brief. He preferred to have each department head give a presentation on their budget. He suggested forming a Fire District to fund staffing of Fire Station No. 5. He felt approval of new fire stations or police stations should be put to the voters. He said the new green waste program was included in the budget, but the City did not even know if it was going to be approved by the residents.

Hearing no further requests to speak, Mayor Lavagnino closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Cordero asked about the cost of staffing Fire Station No. 5 and if that cost included apparatus and equipment. He asked if there were any penalties to the stimulus funding if the Fire Station was not staffed.

City Manager Ness explained there were not any consequences associated with building a fire station and not immediately staffing it. As far as the apparatus costs, that was accounted for in the overall construction costs covered by stimulus funds and other funding sources the City had accumulated. In addition, the staffing costs for Fire Station No. 5 would be about $1.2 million a year and operating costs would be about $250,000 to $300,000 a year, for a total annual ongoing cost of about $1.5 million.

Councilmember Orach stated the positive for initiating a new green waste program was the cost savings for delaying the construction of the new regional landfill.

Councilmember Patino asked if AMR Ambulance Service personnel were located at the fire stations and if there was a duplication of effort to have both fire staff and ambulance staff respond to calls.

City Manager Ness explained that AMR was a private ambulance company so they incur the cost and charge the patients for the transportation costs. About three years ago, AMR began to pay the City of Santa Maria for partial costs associated with emergency medical responses. The City offered space within the fire stations for AMR to run out of, but they haven't taken long-term advantage of that. The City was a partner with AMR and would continue to be. The City of Santa Maria was not unique to have Fire Departments respond to emergency medical calls; in fact, about 80 percent of all calls for service are emergency-medical related. Fire Department personnel were typically the first responders simply because the Fire Stations were spaced out throughout the City more strategically than AMR; however, the Fire Department did not have paramedics on the engines.

Fire Chief Jones explained the Fire Department does typically respond in addition to the ambulance because of the deployment of the fire stations throughout the City. At any given time, AMR has about 2½ to 3 ambulances on duty within the City. One of the advantages was that the ambulance service transported the patient and was committed to that patient for quite a bit longer than the Fire Department. The Department responds to about 25 incidents per day. The firefighters are equipped and trained to provide emergency life saving skills and could get to the scene more quickly. AMR does not have jaws of life or rescue equipment to remove people from vehicle accidents while the Fire Department does.

Councilmember Patino asked how long the City would have to wait to do another Proposition 218 vote on the new green waste program if the initial vote failed.

City Manager Ness explained that what the City would probably do was go out and re-educate the community in an effort to encourage people to support it. He did not believe there was a time limit between Proposition 218 votes.

Councilmember Zacarías thanked the public for its participation. She suggested that the Council budget briefings with the City Manager be open to the public and held in the Council Chambers so members of the public could listen. She also thought it was usual for department heads to present their budgets when she became a Councilmember. She supported the green waste program and the benefits to the City. She asked if the Mandatory Time Off program would be continued for next year. She asked about Recreation and Parks reduction in contract costs and the imposition of fees for use of City facilities for non-profit agencies.

City Manager Ness stated the MTO program is proposed to be continued into 2011. That would be part of the negotiations process and have to be discussed and agreed to by the bargaining units.

Recreation and Parks Director Posada explained that last year they asked their contractors to see if there were ways to reduce their budgets. They were successful in doing that. This year they were looking at using part-time staff instead of temporary employees. They were also talking to contractors this year to look at ways of scaling back in the Landscape Maintenance District contracts. He said the fee schedule had been in place for some time. Over the course of several years, they had been trying to mitigate the fees for the non-profit agencies by asking them to have their events on non-revenue weekends. Some of the agencies were paying the fees already. The department would continue to work with the agencies to mitigate fees.

Councilmember Cordero stated the green waste program had been mentioned several times, but no one mentioned that there was a product that came out of green waste recycling. It would be used again. With regard to the duplication of services between the Fire Department and ambulance service, the first few minutes when emergency services arrived could save a life and was vitally important.

City Manager Ness requested the Council provide staff with direction regarding the DARE program. Rather than discontinue the DARE program in the schools, the School

District offered to pay $25,000 for a reduced program with the City providing $26,000. It would take $26,000 from the Provisional Officer budget. The Provisional Officers help reduce overtime costs, provide coverage at the Airport, special assignments, investigations, and background checks to reduce the workload of full-time officers.

Councilmember Cordero asked Chief Macagni what he thought of continuing the DARE program.

Chief Macagni stated he had already gotten a commitment from the DARE officer. It was a very valuable program with over 20,000 graduates. It was something the department had been committed to. He would like to see the program continue, and he thought they could fund it from the Provisional Officer fund.

Councilmember Zacarías asked about the rent the City was getting from the new Police building and if some of that money could be used for the School Resource Officers and the DARE program.

City Manager Ness stated the building was being leased by Lockheed Martin. The City received about $750,000 a year in rental income. That money was being set aside to pay for moving the Police Department to that facility. The estimate two years ago was around $6 million for the move. So there isn't enough money now to currently pay for the move, and using that money to restore DARE and School Resource Officers would be committing one-time funding toward ongoing costs.

Councilmember Patino stated she had some concerns with the DARE program. It was a prevention and education program, and Officer Torres had done a great job. She did not know how much duplication was being done in the classrooms with other non-profit groups. Chief Macagni indicated it was important to have an officer in uniform on the school campuses. She would like to be able to analyze what was currently happening in the schools with education and preventive programs and how the City might be able to work with non-profits to do everything it wanted to do. She also did not want to see the Code Compliance Officer cut or the Police Department. She did not want to make a decision at this time.

Councilmember Orach stated he had to agree with Councilmember Patino. He had some concerns about taking money that was allocated for the new Police Station. The School District's commitment was only for one year. He was afraid to take money from the Provisional Officers' fund to fund the DARE program. He thought some of the non-profits and the Future Search group might be able to help augment the DARE program. He agreed to hold off making a decision.

City Manager Ness reminded the Council that the State of California still did not have an approved budget. There were no guarantees that cities would not be hit with additional financial raids.

Councilmember Zacarías moved to defer action on funding the DARE program and the School Resource Officers, and investigate the relationship and what was happening with the other non-profit organizations, before school starts in September. Councilmember Patino seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2010-66 was adopted approving the 2010-12 Budget on motion by Councilmember Zacarías, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2010-66 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 AND 2011-12 AND DELEGATING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT SAME.

Council congratulated staff for the great job in preparing the budget.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
City Manager Ness reported on items anticipated for the July 6, 2010, City Council meeting including a public hearing for a Zoning Text Amendment related to barbed wire fences, a report on the McCoy Lane delineators, Los Flores Ranch user fees, annual operating agreements with outside agencies, setting the appropriation limits, and the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

ORAL REPORTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS
Councilmember Cordero reported he attended a Future Search meeting, participated in the Elks Parade and dinner, testified at the Board of Supervisors meeting regarding closing the North County jail facility, attended the torch run at City Hall, participated in the Bill Cirone TV Show, attended the first game for the Packers baseball team, a meeting to End Homelessness and a meeting on solid waste, and spoke to a group of Oaxacan people at Marian Medical Center.

Councilmember Zacarias reported she attended El Camino Junior High School Career Day, VAFB's 235th birthday celebration of the Army, the Allan Hancock Scholarship dinner and commencement, the Latino Business and Community Council Fiestas Patrias scholarship dinner, participated in the KUHL radio show, toured the Melfred Borzall Manufacturing Company, and was continuing her participation in Future Search to reduce youth violence.

Councilmember Patino reported she attended the Junior Rodeo and Rodeo, participated in the Rodeo Parade and dinner, dinner at Santa Maria Inn for Sharon McHolland's retirement, attended the El Camino Junior High School Career Day, and the Altrusa Club reception at the Library.

Councilmember Orach reported the All-America City Committee would be kicking off its Neighborhood Participation Program this month, he attended the City/School District meeting, and the Altrusa Club reception at the Library.

Mayor Lavagnino reported he participated in the Elks Parade and Rodeo, made a commercial for the United Literacy Council on KSBY TV, testified at the Board of Supervisors meeting regarding the closing of the North County jail, spoke to the Board of Realtors, attended the El Camino Junior High School Career Day, spoke at Bonita School's 6th Grade Recognition Ceremony, and attended the Altrusa Club reception at the Library.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:45 p.m. by Mayor Lavagnino.

APPROVED

July 6, 2010
Date

Patricia A. Alley
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

ATTEST

Patricia A. Alley
Chief Deputy City Clerk

S. R. Lavagnino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria